

**MINUTES OF THE PCCW QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

The St. Wenceslaus PCCW meeting was held in the church basement with 32 members present. Officers present: Vickie Phillips – President, Karen Hines – Vice President, Sue Mach – Secretary, Fr. Eickhoff – Spiritual Advisor.

- 1) Call to Order – Vickie Philips called to order at 7:03
- 2) Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff led the “Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel”
- 3) Welcome – Karen Hines spoke on the meeting’s theme of “Comfort My People” stressing that we need comfort for the daily trials. We should turn to our Blessed Mother to wrap us tight as a mother swaddles her child to calm them down. PCCW’s purpose is to give comfort to our parishioners. There is a holiness in a hug, buying diapers, etc. Find comfort and share comfort.
- 4) Approval of Minutes – Sue Mach presented the minutes from the September meeting. Jamie Thomas moved and Virginia Rawe 2<sup>nd</sup> that the minutes be approved with no revision. Approved unanimously.
- 5) Reports
  - a) Treasurer’s Report – Sue reported on the financial status of the organization in the absence of Kristen Nagel. Jessica Pearson moved to approve the treasurer’s report and Mary Cooney seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - b) President’s Report - Vickie
    - i) Welcome New Members: We have 4 new members to PCCW. Gifts from the PCCW were given to Patty Fortik who was in attendance. She has been assigned to Circle 2. Those not in attendance will receive their gifts by mail. They are:
      - Maggie Hansen – St. Anne - Circle 2
      - Victoria Roberts – St. Germaine - Circle 3
      - Cassie McMullin – St. Germaine - Circle 3
    - ii) Updated Circle Lists: Circle chairs will receive updated circle lists soon.
    - iii) Signup Lists
      - (1) “Go To” List – Karen passed around a sign-up sheet for members who’d be willing to be contacted when help is needed for unexpected events or extra workers for Coffee & Rolls.
      - (2) Church Cleaning – *Linda Cernik spoke on what Church cleaning entails for those who help. You are only assigned 2-3 times/year and it only takes a couple of hours to do the job. Linda passed around a sign-up for those who would like to be included in the schedule. You can call her at 402-443-8836 if you have more questions or want to help.*
    - iv) Coffee and Rolls Updates
      - (1) We will go back to mailing postcards to get food donations and workers. The postcards will include that members can donate \$10 in lieu of baking. We’ll try to make the postcard process as easy as possible for the Circle Chairs.
      - (2) Chairs will still send out an email with a link to the Signup Genius, but the sign0up will be for workers only. All circle members are expected to provide food or \$10 at their assigned month.
  - c) Committee Reports- If you are in a group and want to present at our Quarterly meeting, let Vickie know so you can be put on the agenda.
    - i) Altar Rosary Society – Marie Konecky spoke about the work of the Altar Rosary Society. Their main duties are: Funeral dinners (alternate with the St. Ludmilla’s

Guild), do church laundry, buy all altar supplies, clean holy water fonts, replace vigil candles. They have about 30-40 members. They have 3 meetings/year often with a speaker. Dues \$5/year. Members are asked to bring salads or desserts for the funerals. Funeral dinners are a blessing and comfort for the grieving. If you are interested in joining the Altar Rosary Society, call Marie at 402-480-0563.

- ii) St. Ludmila's Guild – Betty Brabec spoke about the history of the St. Ludmilla's Guild. Her report is attached to these minutes. Their purpose is to help with the Funeral dinners (alternating with the Altar Rosary Society) and to build the members spiritually. This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of February, April, June, August and October. If you are interested in joining the St. Ludmilla's Guild, contact Betty at 402-443-2466.

6) Old Business

- a) Diaper Drive Update – PCCW donated \$200 to the Diaper Drive. Our parish collected 2110 diapers and the Deanery collected over 10,000 diapers to be given CSS for those in need. This is the 14th year of the Diaper Drive and the goal for 2023 was 1.4M diapers.
- b) Pro-Life Committee Donation – Our October Coffee & Rolls netted \$339. These funds were donated to the Pro-Life Committee for their work. Cathy Turner thanked those who came to 40 days for life. There was a child saved during the 40 days. Suspect there will be abortions tomorrow 11/15.
- c) December Mission Bake Sale – This will be held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - i) Members will receive postcards letting them know what to bring. Please bring something wrapped to sell. We will sell after all masses including Saturday.
  - ii) We hope to have Campus ministry sell leftovers at school or just sell the rest at the St. Wenc. Elementary program at 1:00 on Sunday at BN.

7) New Business

- a) Penance Service Priest Dinner: The Advent penance service will be on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Eickhoff reported that we will need dinner at 5:45 for 10-12 priests. He would like a couple of cooks and a couple of helpers at the Rectory. Contact Father if you can help.
- 8) Announcements and questions – Vickie asked all Circle Chairs who were present to please stand up. The tentative 2024 calendar was handed out to the Circle Chairs
- 9) Spiritual Advisor's Comments – Fr. Eickhoff spoke on the importance of November being the month of Poor Souls. He reminded us that it took great faith to start and keep the Parish going and give to give our parish ancestors "comfort" by praying and sacrificing for those who have gone before us.
- 10) Closing Prayer and Priestly Blessing – Fr. Eickhoff led us in the "Glory Be."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue D Mach  
PCCW Secretary

Following the meeting there was social time with adult beverages, soups, breads and desserts provided by the officers.

**St. Wenceslaus PCCW  
Treasurer's Report  
11/14/23**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>9/12/23</b>			<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$3,089.29</b>
9/13/23	1651		Karen Hines - Supplies	\$188.67	\$2,900.62
10/1/23	1652		Family Fare - Coffee and Roll Supplies	\$19.78	\$2,880.84
11/12/23	1653		Sue Mach - Supplies	\$27.33	\$2,853.51
11/12/23	1654		Jessica Bohaty - Pro Life Committee Donation	\$339.00	\$2,514.51
11/12/23	1655		LDCCW Diaper Drive Donation	\$200.00	\$2,314.51
11/12/23	1656		Vickie Phillips - Supplies	\$205.67	\$2,108.84
11/13/23		Deposit	Coffee and Rolls - September	\$364.00	\$2,472.84
11/13/23		Deposit	Coffee and Rolls - October	\$339.00	\$2,811.84
11/13/23		Deposit	Coffee and Rolls - November	\$205.00	\$3,016.84
<b>11/14/23</b>			<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$3,016.84</b>

Submitted by: Kristen Nagle

## **St. Ludmilla's Guild History**

I would like to share with you, this history of the Guild.

On Tuesday afternoon November 19, 1963, sixty years ago, the Guild met at the home of Mrs. Antonia Bor. Edith Machovec, Anna Pallat, Bess Fraley and Lucille Svoboda wrote the history of the St. Ludmilla's Guild.

In the winter of 1911, a few ladies met at the home of Mary Fisher to organize a Bohemian Guild. There was an Irish Guild organized in the Parish, but the Czech speaking ladies wanted their own organization. These ladies met to decide on a name. They choose St. Ludmilla, because she was the grandmother of our Parish Patron, "St. Wenceslaus".

The St. Ludmilla Guild's first officers were Mrs. Mary Polak, President, Mrs. Antonia Bor, Vice President, Mrs. Mary Ficenec, Secretary and Treasury. The other members were Josephine Safranek, Anna Pallat, Mary Fisher, Edith Machovec, Katherine Fejt, Katherine Kavan, Mary Vybiral, Antonia Styska and Mrs. Zimola.

The good ladies held their meetings in their homes and paid 10 cents for dues. Their lunches were more like complete meals, nowand they always invited several guests.

We must remember there were no electric stoves, refrigerators, air conditioning or the conveniences we are now accustomed to. These ladies met like this for many years, braving waist deep snow in the winter and terrific heat in the summer. They enjoyed their monthly meetings speaking in their native Czech tongue.

Money was scare in those days and there were many mass members. One lady in particular gave her \$1.00 dues one dime at a time, so she could benefit from the masses.

When our Parochial school was built and the Sisters came to Wahoo, our Guild members went from door to door of the parishioners, soliciting thread, yarn or anything they wished to make comforters for the sisters.

When the new church was built in 1921, they were provided with a meeting place in the church basement. Each time they were to have a meeting, Father Bor, the pastor at the time would invite the ladies of the parish to join the Guild because more space was available for a large group. Thus our organization continued to grow.

The ladies furnished the kitchen little by little with their ten cent dues. The treasury didn't grow very fast. Another thing the ladies remember was that they cooked coffee in a wash boiler before they had enough money to buy coffee pots.

Weddings, breakfasts, dinner and lunches were served much like they are now. When the weather was cold and the church was not heated, they held meetings above Coast to Coast Store, which now is Farmers Mutual Insurance. The hostesses prepared their food at home and carried it there.

Years later, the church was heated for the meetings so they were held in the church basement for members only.

On January 8, 1959, Father Kolar, asked that the American language be used at the meetings since all were Americans. Some didn't like the change. They thought tradition was being broken. The younger women who held office found it difficult to write in the Czech language. The change was made and all the ladies that wished, could attend the meetings.

Many records have been destroyed over the years. Many memories are getting dim. But eyes do sparkle, and they smile as they speak with fond memories of the days when St. Ludmilla's Guild was organized many, many years ago.